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SC RESOLUTION EXTENDING MANDATE

1. BELOW IS TEXT OF US STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMB. SHERER
BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 15 CONCLUDING THE
DEBATE ON THE RENEWAL OF UNFICYP UNTIL JUNE 15.

2. QUOTE PRESS RELEASE USUN -188(76)
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STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR ALBERT W. SHERER, JR., UNITED
STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, ON THE
RENEWAL OF THE UNFICYP MANDATE BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
DECEMBER 15, 1976.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED
STATES TO TAKE THIS FORMAL OCCASION TO EXPRESS AND REITERATE OUR
MOST WARM GREETINGS OF WELCOME TO AMBASSADOR LEPRETTE. THE
UNITED STATES TAKES DEEP PLEASURE IN WELCOMING TO THE SECURITY
COUNCIL AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS THIS DISTINGUISHED
SERVANT OF OUR VERY FIRST ALLY. THE UNITED STATES HAS
BENEFITED FROM AMBASSADOR LEPRETTE'S SERVICE ON BEHALF
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE IN WASHINGTON AND WE LOOK FORWARD
WITH PLEASURE TO DEVELOPING FURTHER OUR RELATIONS HERE IN
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NEW YORK CITY. THE LIGHT CAST BY THE APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR

LEPRETTE CASTS A RADIANCE NOT ONLY ON THE UNITED NATIONS BUT ON THE HOST COUNTRY AS WELL. WE WISH HIM EVERY SUCCESS AS HE UNDERTAKES HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITY.

THE COUNCIL' S RENEWAL YESTERDAY OF THE UNFICYP MANDATE UNDERSCORES WHAT WE BELIEVE IS A COMMONLY SHARED CONCERN FOR MAINTAIN

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ING THE STABILITY INDISPENSABLE TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND LASTING PEACE IN CYPRUS. THE COUNCIL'S VOTE REPRESENTS AS WELL AN EXPRESSION OF CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN UNFICYP'S PERFORMANCE OF ITS IMPORTANT TASK.

I WISH TO REAFFIRM THE CONTINUING STRONG MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR UNFICYP. THE NATIONS WHO HAVE DEMON

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STRATED BY CONCRETE ACTION THEIR COMMITMENT TO AVOIDING A RESUMPTION OF ARMED CONFLICT AND HUMAN SUFFERING ON THAT STRIVE-TORN ISLAND. WE WISH TO THANK ALSO THE MANY NATIONS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED FINANCIAL OR OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH HAS ENABLED UNFICYP TO CONTINUE ITS VITAL MISSION. WE WOULD URGE OTHER NATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO--PARTICULARLY PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL--TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONCERN FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN BY LENDING THEIR MATERIAL SUPPORT TO UNFICYP. WE BELIEVE ALL NATIONS MATERIALLY ABLE TO DO SO SHOULD WILLINGLY SHARE IN MEETING THEIR OBLIGATION UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

THE RENEWAL OF UNFICYP'S MANDATE IS CONCRETE TESTIMONY OF RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ACTION. HOWEVER, THE CONTINUING NEED FOR A PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS ALL TOO OBVIOUSLY POINTS UP THE TRAGIC REALITY THAT TRUE PEACE AND STABILITY HAVE PROVED UNATTAINABLE THERE FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. THEREFORE, WHILE COMMENDING UNFICYP AND EXPRESSING ADMIRATION FOR THE EXEMPLARY CONDUCT OF ITS OFFICERS AND MEN, WE ALSO WISH TO VOICE OUR HOPE THAT THE PARTIES TO THE CYPRUS DISPUTE WILL MAKE RENEWED EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A LASTING SETTLEMENT THAT WILL REMOVE THE NECESSITY FOR THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UNITED
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NATIONS SOLDIERS ON THE ISLAND.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD NOT WANT TO CONCLUDE MY REMARKS
285#975 PAYING SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, PEREZ DE CUELLAR, THE UNDER SECRETARIES GENERAL URQUHART AND GUYER AND THEIR EXCELLENT STAFFS FOR THEIR UNTIRING EFFORTS TOWARD MAKING PEACEKEEPING A SUCCESS IN CYPRUS. UNFICYP IS CONFRONTED BY UNIQUE AND

DELICATE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN ABLY ACTED ON THE BY ATALEDNTED
LEADERSHIP. THIS LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN PERSONIFIED PAR EX-
CELLENCE BY GENERAL PREM CHAND WHO TO OUR
COLLECTIVE REGRET HAS RECENTLY SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AS
THE COMMANDER OF THE PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS. HIS
PERFORMANCE IN DIPLOMACY, IN MILITARY OPERATIONS, AND HUMAN
RELATIONS REFLECTS THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE. WE WISH HIM CONTINUING SUCCESS IN THE
YEARS AHEAD. ---
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